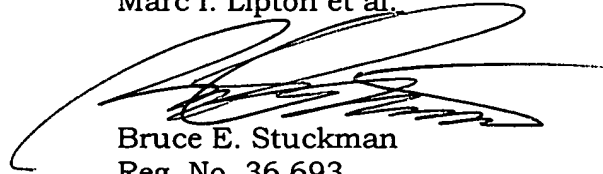


**REMARKS**

Please enter the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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